

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 31, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BALDWIN, made the following

**REPORT :**

[To accompany bill S. No. 117.]

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the "petition of William H. Prentiss for additional compensation as assistant messenger in the Department of State," have had the same under consideration, and adopt the report made thereon by Mr. Rusk of the Committee of Claims, at the second session 29th Congress, hereunto annexed.

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—February 20, 1847.

Mr. RUSK made the following report :

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the "petition of William H. Prentiss for additional compensation as assistant messenger in the Department of State," have had the same under consideration.

It appears that the petitioner, whilst holding the appointment of an *assistant messenger* in the State Department, was required to discharge, and did discharge for a series of years, the functions of a *messenger*, for which additional duty he has never received any compensation. Among the papers is a letter signed by the present Secretary of State, attesting the faithful and effective services of the petitioner, as above stated, and admitting that there seems to be due to him the sum of one thousand five hundred and six dollars and ninety-nine cents. Under these circumstances, your committee, although adverse to the allowance of additional compensation for specified services, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is just and should be granted. They therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

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Mr. BALDWIN made the following

REPORT

[To accompany bill S. No. 111.]

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William H. Prentiss for additional compensation as assistant messenger in the Department of State, have had the same under consideration, and when the report made thereon by Mr. Husk of the Committee of Claims, at the second session 29th Congress, heretofore annexed.

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—February 20, 1847.

Mr. Husk made the following report:

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William H. Prentiss for additional compensation as assistant messenger in the Department of State, have had the same under consideration. It appears that the petitioner, whilst holding the appointment of an assistant messenger in the State Department, was required to discharge, and did discharge for a series of years, the functions of a messenger, for which additional duty he has never received any compensation. Among the papers is a letter signed by the present Secretary of State, attesting the faithful and effective services of the petitioner, as above stated, and admitting that there seems to be due to him the sum of one thousand five hundred and six dollars and ninety-nine cents. Under these circumstances, your committee, although adverse to the allowance of additional compensation for specified services, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is just and should be granted. They therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.